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Clothing for Infants

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Slips cut on the bias are a new feature in infants' wear; they stretch readily either lengthwise or crosswise as the baby may need for free movement. Minimum material is required. Full-length front openings are convenient for dressing, and they make laundering easy. Wide front laps spread easily to give plenty of room for kicking, yet they keep the baby covered. Fastenings of twistless tape are durable and easy to manage. Good quality nainsook, batiste, or soft cotton crepe are suitable materials for these designs.

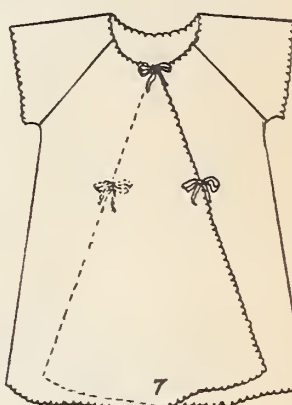
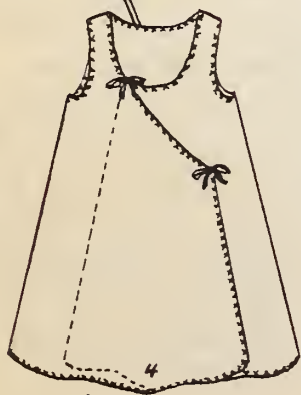
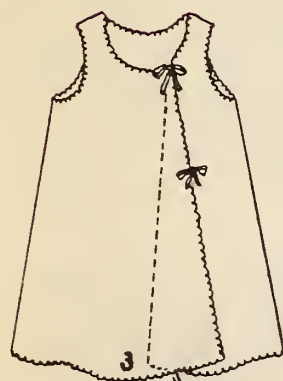
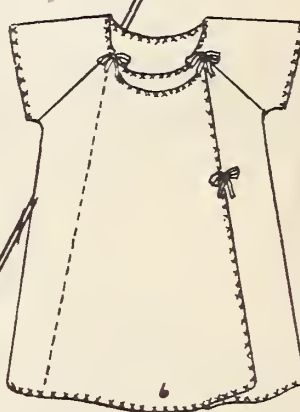
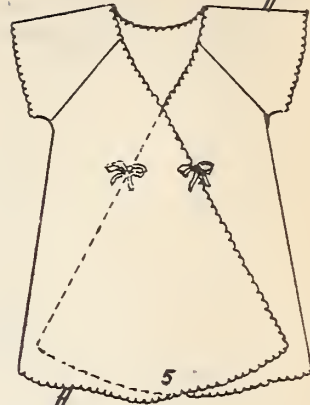
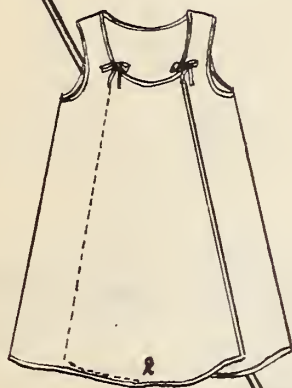
PATTERNS

Slips 1, 6; Excella E-3733
Excella Pattern Co., 222 W. 39th St., N.Y.C.

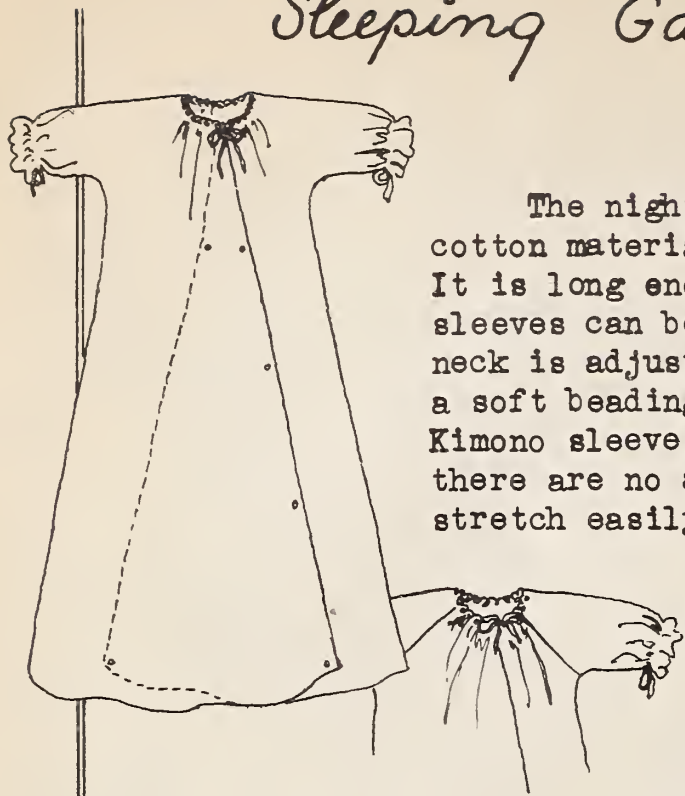
Slips 3, 8; Pictorial 6126
Pictorial Review Co., 222 W. 39th St., N.Y.C.

Slips 2, 4, 5, 7; Ladies' Home Journal 1042
Home Pattern Co., 261 Fifth Ave., N.Y.C.

For warm days, sleeveless slips are comfortable. For cooler days, similar designs with wide, open raglan sleeves are good. All slips shown here have low-cut necklines and deep armholes. Designs 1, 2, 5, 6, and 7 are cut on the bias. Designs 3, 4, and 8 are cut lengthwise.

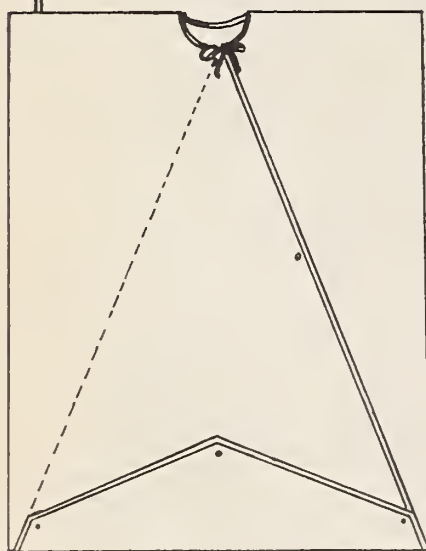
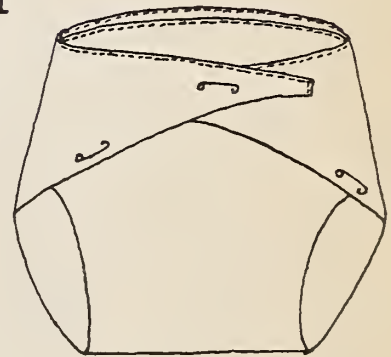


Sleeping Garments and a Diaper

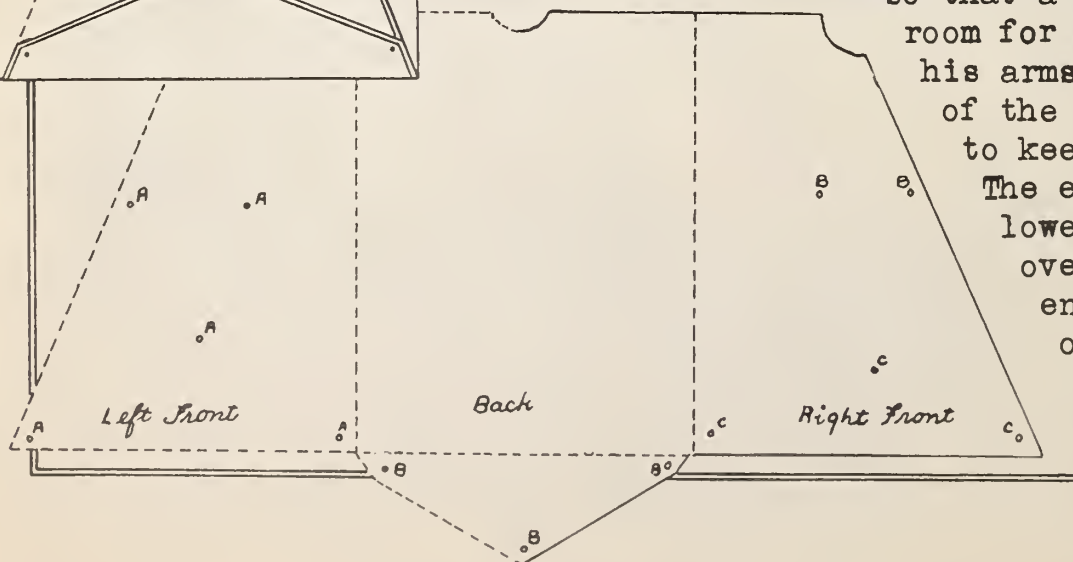


The nightgown is made of an absorbent knit cotton material which has an easy crosswise stretch. It is long enough to keep the feet covered; the sleeves can be lengthened as the baby grows. The neck is adjusted by twistless tape drawn through a soft beading crocheted of embroidery cotton. Kimono sleeves are good in a knit material because there are no armhole seams and the material can stretch easily. When a woven fabric is used, raglan rather than kimono sleeves give better wear.

A shaped diaper is practical for trips away from home as it is less bulky than the folded type and is easier to put on. There is an opening at the back of this diaper through which a piece of waterproof material may be inserted when it is necessary for the outer garments to be kept dry.



This sleeping bag is cut in one piece, with seams only at the shoulders. Its design is long and wide so that a baby has plenty of room for kicking and moving his arms. The lower part of the front is made double to keep the baby covered. The extension of the lower back is folded up over the front and fastened. The outer edges of the bag are finished with bias binding and there are snap fasteners down the front.



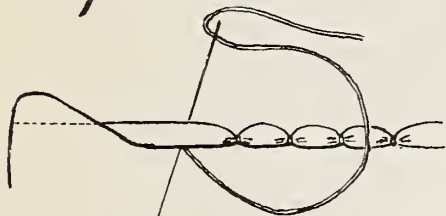
Seams and Finishes for Babies' Slips and Nightwear

Seams -

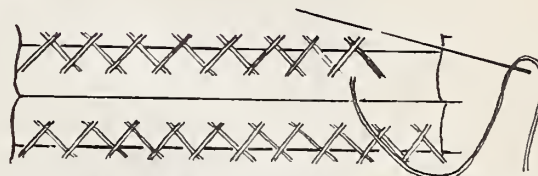


Narrow French seams on slips and other light-weight garments are smooth and pliable.

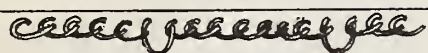
Edge Finishes -



Shell-edge is smooth, flat, simple to make, and easy to launder.



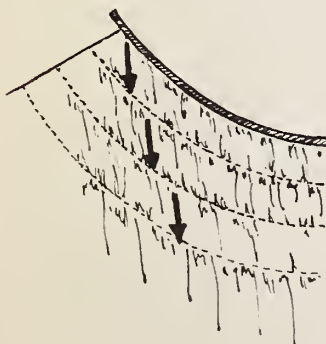
Catch-stitching holds plain seams flat in sleeping garments and woollens.



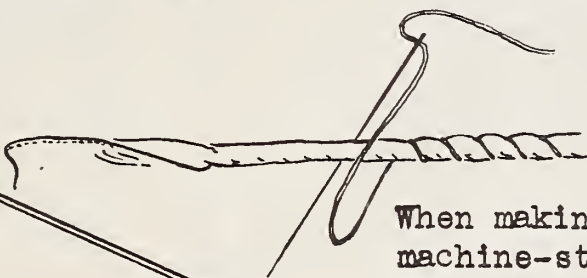
A narrow hem held in place and strengthened by decorative stitching is a durable and quickly-made finish.

When bias binding is used as a finish, sew $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the edge, then roll the extra material over with the bias. This prevents pulling out.

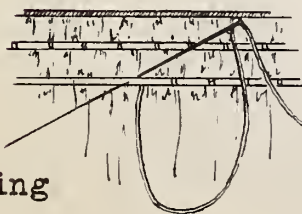
Trim -



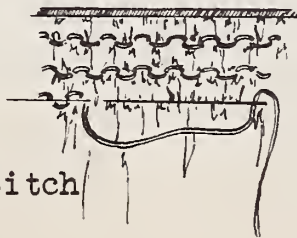
Gathers on the shirred dress (see page 1) should hang straight from the neck edge. Any one of the decorative stitches shown below helps to keep the fullness in place.



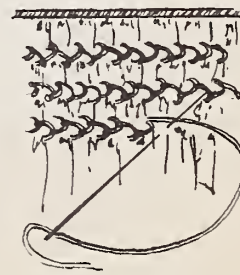
When making a rolled hem, machine-stitch the outer edges to keep them from stretching.



Couching



Cable-stitch



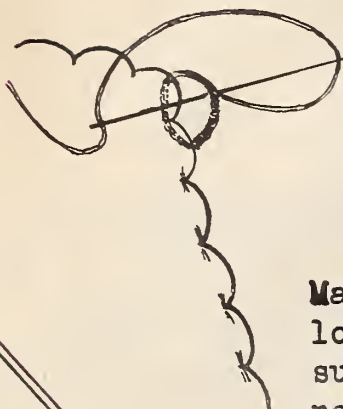
Feather stitch

Fastenings on Baby Clothes

Durable

Convenient

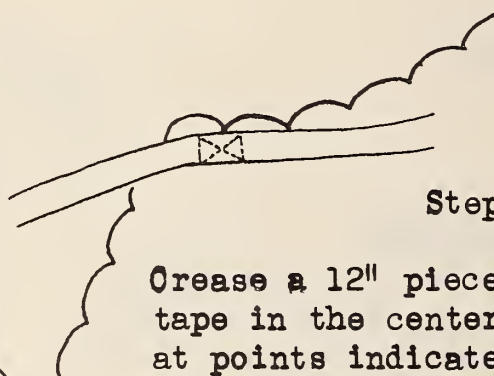
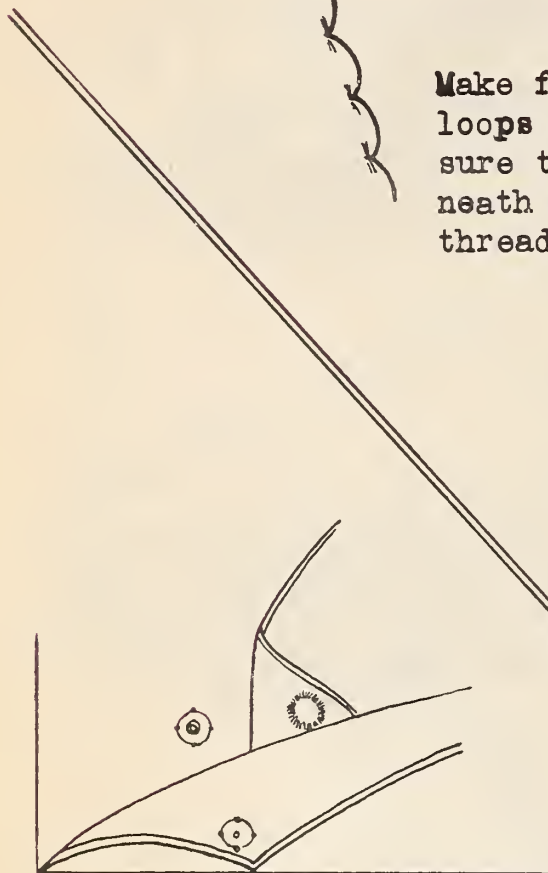
Easy to launder



TO MAKE TIE FASTENINGS FOR SLIPS

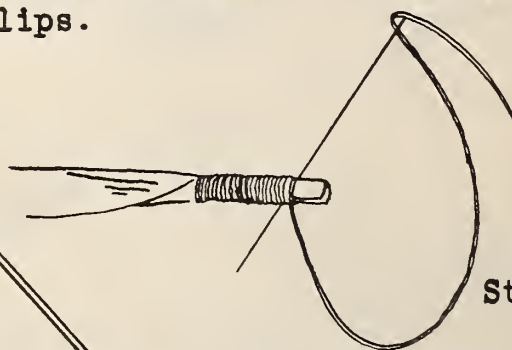
Step No. 1

Make firm blanket-stitched or crocheted loops on the left front of slippers. Be sure the thread is carried along underneath so the strain will come on the thread instead of on the material.



Step No. 2

Crease a 12" piece of narrow twistless tape in the center, and sew securely at points indicated on the right front of slippers.



Step No. 3

Turn the ends of the tape back 1/2" and wind solidly with embroidery cotton. Take occasional stitches through the tape for security.

USE SNAP FASTENERS ON HEAVIER GARMENTS, SUCH AS SLEEPING BAG AND NIGHTGOWN.

Sew snaps on bag at points marked A and B on the right front, back extension, and upper left front. (See page 2). Make eyelets at the corresponding places (marked C on the lower left front.) Snap fasteners on the nightgown are reinforced on the under side with pieces of twilled tape. Both the bag and gown tie at the neck.